UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Docket No.

ROBERT M. MCCORD,

Defendant.

I N F O R M A T I O N

Count 1

18 U.S.C. § 1951(a) (Hobbs Act Extortion)

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES:

- 1. At all times material to this Information, ROBERT M.

 MCCORD was the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and was also a candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania.
- 2. On multiple occasions between on or about April 18, 2014, and on or about May 6, 2014, in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, the defendant,

ROBERT M. MCCORD,

did knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully obstruct, delay, and affect, and did attempt to obstruct, delay, and affect, commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, as those terms are defined in Title 18, United States Code, section 1951,

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that is, the Defendant obtained and attempted to obtain the property of a law firm doing business in interstate commerce in Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, with the law firm's consent induced by the wrongful use of fear of economic harm.

3. It was part of the offense that ROBERT M. MCCORD demanded money from the law firm in the form of campaign contributions and used the threat of adverse official action in MCCORD's capacity as Treasurer of the Commonwealth Pennsylvania to induce the payment of the campaign contributions. The adverse official action threatened by MCCORD would have caused the members of the law firm to reasonably fear economic harm to the law firm.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, § 1951(a).

Count 2

18 U.S.C. § 1951(a) (Hobbs Act Extortion)

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FURTHER CHARGES:

- 4. The allegations contained in Count 1 of this Information are hereby incorporated by reference.
- 5. On multiple occasions between on or about April 14, 2014, and on or about April 29, 2014, in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, the defendant,

ROBERT M. MCCORD,

and affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, as those terms are defined in Title 18, United States Code, section 1951, that is, the Defendant ROBERT M. MCCORD attempted to obtain the property of the principals of a property management company doing business in interstate commerce in Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, with the principals' consent induced by the wrongful use of fear of economic harm.

6. It was part of the offense that ROBERT M. MCCORD counseled and commanded another person to demand property from the

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principals of the property management company in the form of campaign contributions and used the threat of adverse official action in MCCORD's capacity as Treasurer of the Commonwealth Pennsylvania to induce the payment of the campaign contributions. The adverse official action threatened by MCCORD would have caused the principals of the property management company to reasonably fear economic harm to the property management company.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, §§ 1951(a) and 2(a) & (b).

Dated:____

DENNIS PRANNENSCHMIDT
ATTORNEY FOR THE UNITED STATES
ACTING UNDER AUTHORITY CONFERRED
BY TITLE 28, UNITED STATES CODE, § 515